COCHIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

(OFFICIAL REPORT.)

LEGISLATIVE SESSION OF 1102.

Thursday, the $\frac{\text{24th of February 1927.}}{\text{12th of Kumbham 1102.}}$

The fourth meeting of the Kumbham sitting of 1102 commenced in the Town Hall, Ernakulam, at 11-30 a. m. on Thursday, the 12th of Kumbham 1102 corresponding to the 24th of February 1927. The Diwan was in the chair. Messrs. O. R. Chummar, Poulo Mampilli, A. R. Menon and H. J. Walmesly were absent.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

Roads and toll-gates newly opened during the last ten years.

313. **Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.**—Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House.—

(a) a list of roads newly opened by the Government during the last 10 years showing the length of each of them and the amount of money spent for each for (1) land acquisition, (2) construction;

(b) were lands given free for any of these roads; if so, for which of them and by whom;

(c) in how many of these new roads were toll-gates fixed and what are the names of these new toll-gates;

(d) was there any complaint with regard to any of these new toll-gates; what were the final orders of the Government in the matter of these complaints;

(e) will the Government be pleased to lay on the table of the House a list of toll-gates now existing in Cochin and what is the amount realised from each of them during the last three years?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon.— Statements containing the information so far gathered in respect of subdivisions (a), (b), (c) & (e) are placed on the Council Secretary's table.

(d) Yes; there were complaints against the Mala, Kallettumkara, Kodakara, Kanjani, Peringottukara and Koonamuchi

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tolls. Government on enquiry found that the complaints were groundless.

The number of crimes during the last five years.

314. Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—Will the Government be pleased to state every year during the last five years in each of the charging stations of the State.—

1. (a) the total number of crimes reported to the Police;
   (b) of the crimes reported, the total number under each section of *the Penal Code*;
   (c) of these, how many were referred as false, etc., and how many charged before the Magistrates;
   (d) of the total number charged, how many ended in discharge, acquittal and conviction;
   (e) what percentage of conviction has been confirmed by the appeilate authorities, etc.;
2. the total number of persons (a) arrested, (b) charged and (c) of those charged how many discharged, acquitted or convicted;
3. (a) the total value of properties reported to have been lost;
   (b) the amount recovered?

Mr. Sheik Abdul Qadir Sahib Bahadur.—A statement containing the information is placed on the Council Secretary's table for reference.

The Forest and Tramway Departments.

315. Mr. O. R. Chummar.—Will the Government be pleased to state with reference to each of the last three years.—

(i) the gross income from the Forest Department and the gross expenditure of the Forest Department;

(ii) (a) the gross income from the sale of timber brought down by the Tramway;

(b) the gross income derived by the Tramway from private agents;

(c) the gross expenditure of the Tramway Department;

(d) the expenditure incurred by the Forest Department in connection with timber brought down by the Tramway and not included in Tramway accounts;

(iii) the gross income from the sale of timber brought down by the Forest Department without the help of the Tramway and the gross expenditure in connection with the same;

(iv) the gross income derived from the sale of timber removed by private merchants by the Tramway and the expenditure, if any, incurred by the Government in connection with the same;

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